



STATE OF ARKANSAS
**Department of Finance
and Administration**

G

OFFICE OF BUDGET
1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 402
Post Office Box 3278
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-3278
Phone: (501) 682-1941
Fax: (501) 682-1086
www.arkansas.gov/dfa

December 5, 2025

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Jeffrey Wardlaw, Co-Chair
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY26 Miscellaneous Federal Grant Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by law, the attached Miscellaneous Federal Grant Request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Sincerely,

James L. Hudson
Secretary

Attachment(s)

FY26 REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE REVIEW
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL PROGRAMS ACT
(A.C.A. 19-7-101 ET. SEQ.)

NEW PROGRAM

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Purpose of Grant & Funding Percentages</u>	<u>Federal Appropriation Amount Requested</u>	<u>No. of Positions Requested (if any)</u>	<u>DFA - Chief Fiscal Officer</u>		<u>DFA IGS State Technology Planning Agency Request in compliance with IT Plan Certification (if applicable)</u>
				<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	
1. Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - SNAP Fraud Framework Implementation Grant	USDA, Food and Nutrition Service, has awarded funding for the FY2025 fraud framework implementation project. The proposed project will enhance SNAP program administration and increase oversight by deploying an advanced system to analyze EBT card transactions and detect potential third-party fraud. Using data analytics and machine learning, the system will identify unusual patterns based on location and usage behavior, sending real-time alerts to households when suspicious activity occurs.	\$590,040	0	X		Yes
Funding Percentages						
		Federal	State	Other	Total	
FY26		100	0	0	100	
FY27		100	0	0	100	
FY28		100	0	0	100	
FY29		0	0	0	0	
FY30		0	0	0	0	

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: September 30, 2028

**UTILIZATION REPORT
FOR
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
A.C.A. §19-7-501 ET SEQ.**

Date: 10/13/2025 Grant ID: FN00A350D/FN.SN.4080.44.0200;
BP252525/FNP210000 Legislative Review Date: _____
Agency: Arkansas Department of Human Services Program Title: SNAP Fraud Framework Implementation Grant
Granting Organization: USDA Food and Nutrition Services Grant #: FY25.SNAP.FFIG-AR 10.535
Effective Date of Authorization: _____ Beginning: 9/26/2025 Ending: 6/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change: (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
USDA, Food and Nutrition Service, has awarded funding for the FY 2025 fraud framework implementation project. The proposed project will enhance SNAP program administration and increase oversight by deploying an advanced system to analyze EBT card transactions and detect potential third-party fraud. Using data analytics and machine learning, the system will identify unusual patterns based on location and usage behavior, sending real-time alerts to households when suspicious activity occurs.

Project-Grant Funding

Business Area Code: 0710
Funds Center Code: 896
Fund Code: PWP4500
Functional Area Code: HHS

Continuation of Existing Program: _____
Change in Existing Program: _____
New Program: X

	New Federal Funds	State Matching Funds	Other Matching Funds	Project Total
Regular Salaries				-
Extra Help				-
Personal Services Matching				-
Operating Expenses				-
Conference & Travel Expenses				-
Professional Fees				-
Capital Outlay				-
Data Processing				-
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)				-
Other: Data Processing 590:00:44	590,040			590,040
Other:				-
Total	\$ 590,040	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 590,040

Funding Percentages

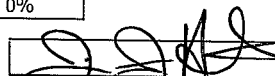
	Federal	State	Other	Total
FY26	100%	0%	0%	100%
FY27	100%	0%	0%	100%
FY28	100%	0%	0%	100%
FY29				0%
FY30				0%

Type of Federal Grant

WIOA _____

Non-WIOA X

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2028

 11-5-25
DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date

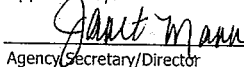
Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Comnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

Approved by:

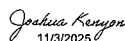
 10/23/25
Agency Secretary/Director Date

Cayce Raney 12/02/25

Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

M97
10/15/2025


11/3/2025

Revised 03/03/2025

FY26 REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE REVIEW
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL PROGRAMS ACT
(A.C.A. 19-7-101 ET. SEQ.)

CHANGE IN EXISTING PROGRAM

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Purpose of Grant & Funding Percentages</u>	<u>Federal Appropriation Amount Requested</u>	<u>No. of Positions Requested (if any)</u>	<u>DFA - Chief Fiscal Officer</u>		<u>DFA IGS State Technology Planning Agency Request in compliance with IT Plan Certification (if applicable)</u>
				<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	
2. Department of Energy & Environment - Division of Environmental Quality - Weatherization Assistance Program	The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) reduces energy costs for low-income households by increasing the energy efficiency of their homes while ensuring their health and safety. Through WAP improvements and upgrades, households annually save on average \$372 or more according to a national evaluation. There was an increase to the annual WAP award amount. This appropriation change request will align the appropriation totals with the grant award totals.	\$3,459,889	0	X		N/A
Funding Percentages						
		Federal	State	Other	Total	
FY26		100	0	0	100	
FY27		0	0	0	0	
FY28		0	0	0	0	
FY29		0	0	0	0	
FY30		0	0	0	0	

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: September 30, 2026

UTILIZATION REPORT
FOR
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
A.C.A. §19-7-501 ET SEQ.

Date: 11/4/2025 Grant ID: I09307030026 Legislative Review Date: _____

Agency: Dept of Energy & Environment: Div of Environmental Quality (0930) Program Title: Weatherization Assistance Program

Granting Organization: U.S. Department of Energy Grant #: SE0001810

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2025 Ending: 6/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change: (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) reduces energy costs for low-income households by increasing the energy efficiency of their homes while ensuring their health & safety. Through WAP improvements & upgrades, households annually save on average \$372 or more according to a national evaluation. There was an increase to the annual WAP award amount. This appropriation change request will align the appropriation totals with the grant award totals.

Project-Grant Funding

Business Area Code: 0930
Funds Center Code: V92/V92W
Fund Code: FYP0400
Functional Area Code: COMM

Continuation of Existing Program: _____
Change in Existing Program: X
New Program: _____

	New Federal Funds	State Matching Funds	Other Matching Funds	Project Total
Regular Salaries	190,000			190,000
Extra Help	2,800			2,800
Personal Services Matching	84,092			84,092
Operating Expenses	20,000			20,000
Conference & Travel Expenses	12,000			12,000
Professional Fees	42,000			42,000
Capital Outlay				-
Data Processing				-
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	3,043,829			3,043,829
Other: 590:00:46 (V92W)	65,168			65,168
Other:				-
Total	\$ 3,459,889	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,459,889

Funding Percentages

	Federal	State	Other	Total
FY24				0%
FY25	100%	0%		100%
FY26				0%
FY27				0%
FY28				0%

Type of Federal Grant

WIA _____

Non-WIA X

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 09/30/2026

DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date
Items requested for information technology must be in
compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA
IGS State Technology Planning.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

* unclassified positions only

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

Approved by: SLC. J 11/4/2025
Agency Secretary Date

Cayce Raney 12/2/25
Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

dy 11/10/2025

Revised 03/27/2023

FY26 REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE REVIEW
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL PROGRAMS ACT
(A.C.A. 19-7-101 ET. SEQ.)

CHANGE IN EXISTING PROGRAM

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Purpose of Grant & Funding Percentages</u>	<u>Federal Appropriation Amount Requested</u>	<u>No. of Positions Requested (if any)</u>	<u>DFA - Chief Fiscal Officer</u>		<u>DFA IGS State Technology Planning Agency Request in compliance with IT Plan Certification (if applicable)</u>
				<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	
3. Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism - Heritage Division - Historic Preservation Fund Grants-in-Aid	The National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund Grants-in-Aid is an annual formula grant intended to support the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program's federally mandated programs through staff support, grants to local governments, and some support for operating expenses. Because of changes to the matching funds method for this grant, we have begun to be able to allocate larger amounts of the grant to our subgrants to local municipalities and have found the current cap on grant spending to be too low to satisfy the opportunities in that area.	\$100,000	0	X		N/A
Funding Percentages						
		Federal	State	Other	Total	
		FY26	60	40	0	100
		FY27	60	40	0	100
		FY28	60	40	0	100
		FY29	0	0	0	0
		FY30	0	0	0	0

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: October 1, 2027.

FY26 REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE REVIEW
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL PROGRAMS ACT
(A.C.A. 19-7-101 ET. SEQ.)

NEW PROGRAM

DFA IGS
State Technology Planning
Agency Request in
compliance with IT Plan
Certification (if applicable)

Agency	Purpose of Grant & Funding Percentages	Federal Appropriation Amount Requested	No. of Positions Requested (if any)	DFA - Chief Fiscal Officer	
				Approve	Disapprove
4. Department of Health - Public Health Emergency Response	The purpose of these funds is broadly intended to provide resources and to support capacity of state and local health departments for respiratory disease surveillance, readiness, and response. An area of need was identified after increasing cases around the United States of highly pathogenic avian influenza A/H5N1 virus in wild birds, poultry, and some mammals, as well as the growing number of sporadic infections in people. This virus has the potential to acquire means to spread from person to person and cause an influenza pandemic. As such, efforts are needed to understand the virus, prevent its transmission to people, and thoroughly investigate human cases. These funds are intended to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to this virus and also strengthen readiness for any potential respiratory disease threat. Specifically the Arkansas Department of Health has prioritized the following activities and purchases to align with the overall scope of the funding. These include: purchase and set up of a mobile local health unit capable of bringing public health resources to any community affected, modernizing influenza testing at the State Public Health Lab to ensure that equipment for influenza testing are sufficient and that we are able to identify when influenza A is a case of highly pathogenic avian influenza, purchasing of lab reagents and supplies to perform the testing, purchase of influenza vaccine, and personal protective equipment. DOH will request a no cost extension in October. Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: January 16, 2026	\$1,339,555	0	X	

Funding Percentages

	Federal	State	Other	Total
FY26	100	0	0	100
FY27	0	0	0	0
FY28	0	0	0	0
FY29	0	0	0	0
FY30	0	0	0	0

UTILIZATION REPORT
FOR
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
A.C.A. §19-7-501 ET SEQ.

Date: 11/6/2025Grant ID: NU90TP922286Legislative Review Date: Agency: Department of HealthProgram Title: Public Health Emergency ResponseGranting Organization: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)Grant #: 6 NU90TP922286-01-01Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2025Ending: 6/30/2025

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change: (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
The purpose of these funds is broadly intended to provide resources and to support capacity of state and local health departments for respiratory disease surveillance, readiness, and response. An area of need was identified after increasing cases around the United States of highly pathogenic avian influenza A/H5N1 virus in wild birds, poultry, and some mammals, as well as the growing number of sporadic infections in people. This virus has the potential to acquire means to spread from person to person and cause an influenza pandemic. As such, efforts are needed to understand the virus, prevent its transmission to people, and thoroughly investigate human cases. These funds are intended to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to this virus and also strengthen readiness for any potential respiratory disease threat.

Specifically, the Arkansas Department of Health has prioritized the following activities and purchases to align with the overall scope of the funding. These include: purchase and set up of a mobile local health unit capable of bringing public health resources to any community affected, modernizing influenza testing at the State Public Health Lab to ensure that equipment for influenza testing are sufficient and that we are able to identify when influenza A is a case of highly pathogenic avian influenza, purchasing of lab reagents and supplies to perform the testing, purchase of influenza vaccine, and personal protective equipment. DOH will request a no cost extension in October.

Project-Grant FundingBusiness Area Code: 0645Funds Center Code: 34PFund Code: PHD0000Functional Area Code: HHSContinuation of Existing Program:Change in Existing Program:New Program: X

	New Federal Funds	State Matching Funds	Other Matching Funds	Project Total
Regular Salaries				-
Extra Help				-
Personal Services Matching				-
Operating Expenses	1,061,746			1,061,746
Conference & Travel Expenses				-
Professional Fees				-
Capital Outlay	277,809			277,809
Data Processing				-
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)				-
Other:				-
Other:				-
Total	\$ 1,339,555	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,339,555

Funding Percentages					Type of Federal Grant
	Federal	State	Other	Total	
FY26	100%			100%	WIOA
FY27				0%	
FY28				0%	Non-WIOA XX
FY29				0%	
FY30				0%	

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 1/16/2026

State Technology PlanningDateItems requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)* unclassified positions only

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

FY26 REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE REVIEW
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL PROGRAMS ACT
(A.C.A. 19-7-101 ET. SEQ.)

G.5

DFA IGS
State Technology Planning
Agency Request in
compliance with IT Plan
Certification (if applicable)

CHANGE IN EXISTING PROGRAM

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Purpose of Grant & Funding Percentages</u>	<u>Federal Appropriation Amount Requested</u>	<u>No. of Positions Requested (if any)</u>	<u>DFA - Chief Fiscal Officer</u> <u>Approve</u> <u>Disapprove</u>	
5. Department of Health - Ryan White Acre Act Title II	The Ryan White Part B and AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) has been awarded \$3,803,081.00 in carryforward funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to support the continued efforts for providing HIV care and medication treatment to persons living with HIV in the state. Funding will be used to purchase necessary anit-retroviral medications and other opportunistic drugs for the treatment of HIV. In addition, funding will support access to medical, and menatl health outpatient care for persons living with HIV; and performing outreach and educational activities that empowers persons to remain in HIV care and adhere to medication treatments, health insurance premium and cost sharing assistance for low-income individuals which is expected to increase for all 2026 health insurance coverage and for program infrastructure needed to electronically store clients' records and data.	\$3,803,081	0	X	
Funding Percentages					
		Federal	State	Other	Total
FY26		100	0	0	100
FY27		0	0	0	0
FY28		0	0	0	0
FY29		0	0	0	0
FY30		0	0	0	0

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: March 31, 2026

UTILIZATION REPORT
FOR
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
A.C.A. §19-7-501 ET SEQ.

Date: 9/8/2025Grant ID: 93.917Legislative Review Date:

Agency: Arkansas Department of HealthProgram Title: Ryan White Care Act Title II

Granting Organization: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)Grant #: 6 X07HA00026-33-02

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning: 7/1/2025Ending: 6/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change: (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
The Ryan White Part B and AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) has been awarded \$3,803,081.00 in carryforward funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to support the continued efforts for providing HIV care and medication treatment to persons living with HIV in the state. Funding will be used to purchase necessary anti-retroviral medications and other opportunistic drugs for the treatment of HIV. In addition, funding will support access to medical, and mental health outpatient care for persons living with HIV; and performing outreach and educational activities that empowers persons to remain in HIV care and adhere to medication treatments, health insurance premium and cost sharing assistance for low-income individuals which is expected to increase for all 2026 health insurance coverage and for program infrastructure needed to electronically store clients' records and data.

Project-Grant Funding

Business Area Code: 0645
Funds Center Code: 34P
Fund Code: PHD0000
Functional Area Code: HHS

Continuation of Existing Program:
Change in Existing Program: X
New Program:

	New Federal Funds	State Matching Funds	Other Matching Funds	Project Total
Regular Salaries				-
Extra Help				-
Personal Services Matching				-
Operating Expenses	3,803,081			3,803,081
Conference & Travel Expenses				-
Professional Fees				-
Capital Outlay				-
Data Processing				-
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)				-
Other:				-
Other:				-
Total	\$ 3,803,081	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,803,081

Funding Percentages					Type of Federal Grant
	Federal	State	Other	Total	
FY26	100%			100%	WIOA
FY27				0%	
FY28				0%	Non-WIOA x
FY29				0%	
FY30				0%	

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 03/31/2026

State Technology PlanningDate
Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)* unclassified positions only

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

Approved by:
Agency Secretary/DirectorDate

Cayce Raney 12/2/25
Office of BudgetDate

Office of Personnel MgmtDate

FY26 REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE REVIEW
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL PROGRAMS ACT
(A.C.A. 19-7-101 ET. SEQ.)

NEW PROGRAM

DFA IGS
State Technology Planning
Agency Request in
compliance with IT Plan
Certification (if applicable)

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Purpose of Grant & Funding Percentages</u>	<u>Federal Appropriation Amount Requested</u>	<u>No. of Positions Requested (if any)</u>	<u>DFA - Chief Fiscal Officer</u>	
				<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>
6. Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services - Office of Skills Development - American Manufacturing Apprenticeship	The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services - Office of Skills Development will be the lead agency to establish the American Manufacturing Apprenticeship Incentive Fund to Support the expansion of manufacturing registered apprenticeship nationwide. The Office of Skills Development will implement this project through a cooperative agreement with the Department of Labor. This agreement will achieve two administration priorities, support the resurgence of American manufacturing and expand Registered Apprenticeships to reach 1 million active apprentices. This incentive funding model will incentivize employers on a national scale to develop, expand, and/or join existing advanced manufacturing RA programs and hire apprentices. The incentive fund aims to stimulate innovation and reduce barriers that prevent employers from committing to registered apprenticeships, thus promoting program scale and sustainability.	\$35,800,000	2	X	

Funding Percentages

	Federal	State	Other	Total
FY26	100	0	0	100
FY27	100	0	0	100
FY28	100	0	0	100
FY29	0	0	0	0
FY30	0	0	0	0

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: June 30, 2029

UTILIZATION REPORT
FOR
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
A.C.A. §19-7-501 ET SEQ.

Date: 9/2/2025 Grant ID: 25A75AP000171-01-00 Legislative Review Date:
Agency: Division of Workforce Services - Office of Skills Development Program Title: American Manufacturing Apprenticeship
Granting Organization: U.S. Department of Labor Grant #: 25A575AP000171
Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2025 Ending: 6/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change: (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services - Office of Skills Development will be the lead agency to establish the American Manufacturing Apprenticeship Incentive Fund to support the expansion of manufacturing registered apprenticeship nationwide. The Office of Skills Development will implement this project through a cooperative agreement with the Department of Labor. This agreement will achieve two administration priorities, support the resurgence of American manufacturing and expand Registered Apprenticeships to reach 1 million active apprentices. This incentive funding model will incentivize employers on a national scale to develop, expand, and/or join existing advanced manufacturing RA programs and hire apprentices. The incentive fund aims to stimulate innovation and reduce barriers that prevent employers from committing to registered apprenticeships, thus promoting program scale and sustainability.

Project-Grant Funding

Business Area Code: 0810
Funds Center Code: NEW
Fund Code: NEW
Functional Area Code: COMM
Continuation of Existing Program:
Change in Existing Program:
New Program: X

	New Federal Funds	State Matching Funds	Other Matching Funds	Project Total
Regular Salaries				-
Extra Help				-
Personal Services Matching				-
Operating Expenses				-
Conference & Travel Expenses				-
Professional Fees				-
Capital Outlay				-
Data Processing				-
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)				-
Other: 590:00:46	35,800,000			35,800,000
Other:				-
Total	\$ 35,800,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,800,000

Funding Percentages

Type of Federal Grant

	Federal	State	Other	Total
FY26	100%			100%
FY27	100%			100%
FY28	100%			100%
FY29				
FY30				

WIOA
Non-WIOA X

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 6/30/2029

--	--

State Technology Planning Date
Items requested for Information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

* unclassified positions only

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Gmmt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Min.
			New	New		Workforce Development Specialist	PWD03P	SPC01	
			New	New		Workforce Development Specialist	PWD03P	SPC01	

State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

Approved by: [Signature] 9/15/25
Agency Secretary Date
Cayce Raney 12/02/25
Office of Budget Date
KDR 09/15/2025
Kary Paunhull 9/25/25
Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

[Signature]

FY26 REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE REVIEW
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL PROGRAMS ACT
(A.C.A. 19-7-101 ET. SEQ.)

CHANGE IN EXISTING PROGRAM

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Purpose of Grant & Funding Percentages</u>	<u>Federal Appropriation Amount Requested</u>	<u>No. of Positions Requested (if any)</u>	<u>DFA - Chief Fiscal Officer</u>		<u>DFA IGS State Technology Planning Agency Request in compliance with IT Plan Certification (if applicable)</u>
				<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	
7. Department of the Military - Master Cooperative Agreement	Extra Help appropriation is needed based on past expenditures, projected cost and funding level. The Extra Help is paid from the funds center and federally reimbursed back into this funds center.	\$200,000	0	X		N/A

Funding Percentages

	Federal	State	Other	Total
FY26	100	0	0	100
FY27	0	0	0	0
FY28	0	0	0	0
FY29	0	0	0	0
FY30	0	0	0	0

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: Permanent

UTILIZATION REPORT
FOR
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
A.C.A. §19-7-501 ET SEQ.

Date: 10/13/2025Grant ID W912JF-25-2-1001Legislative Review Date:

Agency: Department of the MilitaryProgram Title: Master Cooperative Agreement

Granting Organization: National Guard BureauGrant #: W912JF-25-2-1001

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning: 7/1/2025Ending: 6/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change: (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
Extra Help Appropriation is needed based on past expenditures, projected cost and funding level. The Extra Help is paid from the Fund Center and Federally Reimbursed back into this Fund Center.

Business Area Code: 9911
Funds Center Code: DL8
Fund Code: FDM2200
Functional Area Code: SFTY

Continuation of Existing Program:
Change in Existing Program: X
New Program:

	New Federal Funds	State Matching Funds	Other Matching Funds	Project Total
Regular Salaries	200,000			-
Extra Help				200,000
Personal Services Matching				-
Operating Expenses				-
Conference & Travel Expenses				-
Professional Fees				-
Capital Outlay				-
Data Processing				-
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)				-
Other:Promotional Items				-
Other: Construction				-
Total	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000

Funding Percentages					Type of Federal Grant
	Federal	State	Other	Total	
FY25	100%			100%	WIOA
FY26				0%	Non-WIOA X
FY27				0%	
FY28				0%	
FY29				0%	

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: Permanent

DFA IGS State Technology PlanningDate
Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

Approved by:
COX.BRADLEY.JOHN.1117825350
Digitally signed by
COX.BRADLEY.JOHN.1117825350
Date: 2025.10.13 13:50:59 -0500

Cayce Raney12/02/25

Agency Secretary/DirectorDateOffice of BudgetDateOffice of Personnel MgmtDate

CTM
11/19/2025

Revised 04/10/2024

FY26 REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE REVIEW
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL PROGRAMS ACT
(A.C.A. 19-7-101 ET. SEQ.)

NEW PROGRAM

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Purpose of Grant & Funding Percentages</u>	<u>Federal Appropriation Amount Requested</u>	<u>No. of Positions Requested (if any)</u>	<u>DFA - Chief Fiscal Officer Approve</u> <u>Disapprove</u>	<u>DFA IGS State Technology Planning Agency Request in compliance with IT Plan Certification (if applicable)</u>
---------------	---	---	--	---	--

8. Department of Agriculture - Division of Agriculture - AR 2025 National Animal Health Laboratory Network	The Department is requesting an appropriation of \$160,671 to support the NAHLN Infrastructure Grant. This funding will enable the Department to fulfill all operational requirements of a Level 2 laboratory and enhance the capabilities and capacity of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN). The grant's objectives focus on strengthening preparedness and response efforts for adverse animal health events, including the detection of emerging diseases and outbreaks of foreign animal diseases.
--	--

\$160,671	0	X	Yes
-----------	---	---	-----

Funding Percentages

	Federal	State	Other	Total
FY26	100	0	0	100
FY27	0	0	0	0
FY28	0	0	0	0
FY29	0	0	0	0
FY30	0	0	0	0

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: June 30, 2026

FY26

NT- 9/2/2025

Dated: 02/02/2025

FY26 REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE REVIEW
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL PROGRAMS ACT
(A.C.A. 19-7-101 ET. SEQ.)

CHANGE IN EXISTING PROGRAM

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Purpose of Grant & Funding Percentages</u>	<u>Federal Appropriation Amount Requested</u>	<u>No. of Positions Requested (if any)</u>	<u>DFA - Chief Fiscal Officer</u>		<u>DFA IGS State Technology Planning Agency Request in compliance with IT Plan Certification (if applicable)</u>
				<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	
9. Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Emergency Management Performance Grant 25	The purpose of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) is to assist emergency management agencies in developing emergency management capabilities and supporting activities across prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery mission areas. Appropriation will be used for personnel costs, operational costs, travel expenses, subgrants, and other costs associated with the program. IT Plan Locations: -Major Applications > WebEOC/ADEM Ticket System/Alert and Notification System/Grants Management Solution IT Support > Telephone Service/ISP or Agency Provided Email & Internet/In-House Labor/State Network Connectivity/Hardware/Software/ Contracted Svcs	\$4,119,030	0		X	Yes
		Funding Percentages				
			Federal	State	Other	Total
		FY26	50	50	0	100
		FY27	50	50	0	100
		FY28	0	0	0	0
		FY29	0	0	0	0
		FY30	0	0	0	0
Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: September 30, 2027						

**UTILIZATION REPORT
FOR
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
A.C.A. §19-7-501 ET SEQ.**

Date: 10/2/2025 Grant ID: EMPG 25 Legislative Review Date: _____

Agency: DPS - AR Division of Emergency Management Program Title: Emergency Management Performance Grant 25

Granting Organization: FEMA Grant #: EMT-2025-EP-05002; ALN# 97.042

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 10/1/2025 Ending: 6/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change: (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
The purpose of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) is to assist emergency management agencies in developing emergency management capabilities and supporting activities across prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery mission areas. Appropriation will be used for personnel costs, operational costs, travel expenses, subgrants, and other costs associated with the program.

IT Plan Locations:

- Major Applications > WebEOC/ADEM Ticket System/Alert and Notification System/Grants Management Solution
- IT Support > Telephone Service/ISP or Agency Provided Email & Internet/In-House Labor/State Network Connectivity/Hardware/Software/Contracted Svcs

Project-Grant Funding

Business Area Code: 0995
Funds Center Code: 220
Fund Code: FKA2501
Functional Area Code: SFTY

Continuation of Existing Program: _____
Change in Existing Program: X
New Program: _____

	New Federal Funds	State Matching Funds	Other Matching Funds	Project Total
Regular Salaries	1,391,306	1,391,306		2,782,612
Extra Help				-
Personal Services Matching	514,783	514,783		1,029,566
Operating Expenses	215,190	215,190		430,380
Conference & Travel Expenses	30,000	30,000		60,000
Professional Fees				-
Capital Outlay				-
Data Processing				-
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	1,967,751	1,967,751		3,935,502
Other:				-
Other:				-
Total	\$ 4,119,030	\$ 4,119,030	\$ -	\$ 8,238,060

Funding Percentages

	Federal	State	Other	Total
FY26	50%	50%		100%
FY27	50%	50%		100%
FY28				0%
FY29				0%
FY30				0%

Type of Federal Grant

WIOA _____

Non-WIOA X

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2027

9.9.25 11-18-25
State Technology Planning Approval Date
Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans submitted.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Emnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

Approved by:

C. Col. Mat. A. 2/25 10/3/2025 Cayce Raney 12/02/25
Agency Secretary/Director Date Office of Budget Date
dy 10/8/2025

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

FY26 REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE REVIEW
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL PROGRAMS ACT
(A.C.A. 19-7-101 ET. SEQ.)

NEW PROGRAM

DFA IGS
State Technology Planning
Agency Request in
compliance with IT Plan
Certification (if applicable)

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Purpose of Grant & Funding Percentages</u>
10. Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Nonprofit Security Grant Program - National Security Supplement	The puupose of the Nonprofit Security Grant Program - National Security Supplement (NSGP-NSS) is to provide funding support for statutorily eligible costs to include target har5dening and other physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack. The program seeks to integrate nonprofit preparedness activities with broader State and local preparedness efforts, and to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives, as well as State and local government agencies. Appropriation is requested for subgrants and administrative costs of the program.

Federal Appropriation
Amount Requested

No. of Positions
Requested (if any)

DFA - Chief
Fiscal Officer
Approve Disapprove

\$2,177,494

0

X

Yes

Funding Percentages

	Federal	State	Other	Total
FY26	100	0	0	100
FY27	100	0	0	100
FY28	100	0	0	100
FY29	0	0	0	0
FY30	0	0	0	0

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: April 30, 2028

UTILIZATION REPORT
FOR
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
A.C.A. §19-7-501 ET SEQ.

Date:10/10/2025

Grant ID:NSGP-NSS 24

Legislative Review Date:

Agency:DPS - AR Division of Emergency Management

Program Title:Nonprofit Security Grant Program - Nat'l Security Supplement

Granting Organization:FEMA

Grant #:EMW-2024-UA-05230; ALN# 97.008

Effective Date of Authorization:

Beginning:7/1/2025

Ending:6/30/2026

The purpose of the Nonprofit Security Grant Program - National Security Supplement (NSGP-NSS) is to provide funding support for statutorily eligible costs to include target hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack. The program seeks to integrate nonprofit preparedness activities with broader State and local preparedness efforts, and to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives, as well as State and local government agencies. Appropriation is requested for subgrants and administrative costs of the program.

Project-Grant Funding

Business Area Code:0995

Funds Center Code:220

Fund Code:FKA2505

Functional Area Code:SFTY

Continuation of Existing Program:

Change in Existing Program:

New Program:X

	New Federal Funds	State Matching Funds	Other Matching Funds	Project Total
Regular Salaries	21,775			21,775
Extra Help				-
Personal Services Matching	16,346			16,346
Operating Expenses	65,754			65,754
Conference & Travel Expenses	5,000			5,000
Professional Fees				-
Capital Outlay				-
Data Processing				-
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	2,068,619			2,068,619
Other:				-
Other:				-
Total	\$ 2,177,494	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,177,494

Funding Percentages					Type of Federal Grant
	Federal	State	Other	Total	
FY26	100%			100%	WIOA
FY27	100%			100%	
FY28	100%			100%	Non-WIOA X
FY29				0%	
FY30				0%	

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:4/30/2028

State Technology Planning Approval

Date

Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans submitted.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

* unclassified positions only

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

Approved by:Col. Matthew A. Raney

Cayce Raney12/02/25

Agency Secretary/Director

Date10/13/25

Office of Budget

Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt

Date

dy 10/14/2025

Revised 03/03/2025

FY26 REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE REVIEW
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL PROGRAMS ACT
(A.C.A. 19-7-101 ET. SEQ.)

NEW PROGRAM

DFA IGS
State Technology Planning
Agency Request in
compliance with IT Plan
Certification (if applicable)

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Purpose of Grant & Funding Percentages</u>
11. Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - Homeland Security Grant Program 2023	The purpose of the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is to provide funding to implement the core capabilities to achieving the National Preparedness Goal through planning, organization, equipment purchases, training, exercises, and management and administration across the mission areas. Appropriation will be used for personnel costs, travel expenses, operational costs, subgrants and other costs associated with the program.

Federal Appropriation
Amount Requested

No. of Positions
Requested (if any)

DFA - Chief
Fiscal Officer
Approve Disapprove

\$1,259,585

0

X

N/A

Funding Percentages

	Federal	State	Other	Total
FY26	100	0	0	100
FY27	100	0	0	100
FY28	0	0	0	0
FY29	0	0	0	0
FY30	0	0	0	0

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: August 31, 2026

UTILIZATION REPORT
FOR
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
A.C.A. §19-7-501 ET SEQ.

Date:10/10/2025Grant ID:HSGP 23Legislative Review Date:

Agency:DPS - AR Division of Emergency ManagementProgram Title:Homeland Security Grant Program 2023

Granting Organization:Department of Homeland SecurityGrant #:EMW-2023-SS-00053; ALN# 97.067

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning:7/1/2025Ending:6/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change: (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
The purpose of the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is to provide funding to implement the core capabilities to achieving the National Preparedness Goal through planning, organization, equipment purchases, trainings, exercises, and management and administration across the mission areas. Appropriation will be used for personnel costs, travel expenses, operational costs, subgrants, and other costs associated with the program.

Project-Grant Funding

Business Area Code:0995Funds Center Code:220Fund Code:FKA2301Functional Area Code:SFTY

Continuation of Existing Program:Change in Existing Program:New Program:X

	New Federal Funds	State Matching Funds	Other Matching Funds	Project Total
Regular Salaries	126,460			126,460
Extra Help				-
Personal Services Matching	44,615			44,615
Operating Expenses	6,863			6,863
Conference & Travel Expenses	6,148			6,148
Professional Fees				-
Capital Outlay				-
Data Processing				-
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	1,075,499			1,075,499
Other:				-
Other:				-
Total	\$1,259,585	\$-	\$-	\$1,259,585

Funding Percentages

	Federal	State	Other	Total
FY26	100%			100%
FY27	100%			100%
FY28				0%
FY29				0%
FY30				0%

Type of Federal Grant

WIOA
Non-WIOA X

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:8/31/2026

State Technology Planning ApprovalDate
Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans submitted.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

* unclassified positions only

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

Approved by:

Coyce Raney12/02/25
Agency Secretary/DirectorOffice of BudgetDate

Office of Personnel MgmtDate

dy 10/13/2025Revised 03/03/2025

FY26 REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE REVIEW
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL PROGRAMS ACT
(A.C.A. 19-7-101 ET. SEQ.)

G.12

CHANGE IN EXISTING PROGRAM

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Purpose of Grant & Funding Percentages</u>	<u>Federal Appropriation Amount Requested</u>	<u>No. of Positions Requested (if any)</u>	<u>DFA - Chief Fiscal Officer</u>		<u>DFA IGS State Technology Planning Agency Request in compliance with IT Plan Certification (if applicable)</u>
				<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	
12. Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management - National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program 2025	The purpose of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) is to provide grants and assistance to enable states to accomplish various eligible earthquake safety and mitigation activities, including to multi-state groups. Appropriation will be used for personnel costs, distribution of awareness and educational materials, travel expenses associated with receiving and providing training, subgrants, and other costs associated with the program. State match is provided by soft match derived from the value of Community Emergency Resonse Team (CERT) training hours.	\$58,107	0	X		N/A
Funding Percentages						
		Federal	State	Other	Total	
		FY26	75	25	0	100
		FY27	75	25	0	100
		FY28	0	0	0	0
		FY29	0	0	0	0
		FY30	0	0	0	0

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: March 31, 2027

**UTILIZATION REPORT
FOR
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
A.C.A. §19-7-501 ET SEQ.**

Date: 10/10/2025 Grant ID NEHRP 25 Legislative Review Date: _____

Agency: DPS - AR Division of Emergency Management Program Title: National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program 2025

Granting Organization: FEMA Grant #: EMT-2025-GR-05001; ALN# 97.082

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 10/1/2025 Ending: 6/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change: (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
The purpose of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) is to provide grants and assistance to enable states to accomplish various eligible earthquake safety and mitigation activities, including to multi-state groups. Appropriation will be used for personnel costs, distribution of awareness and educational materials, travel expenses associated with receiving and providing training, subgrants, and other costs associated with the program. State match is provided by soft match derived from the value of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training hours.

Project-Grant Funding

Business Area Code:	<u>0995</u>		
Funds Center Code:	<u>220</u>	Continuation of Existing Program:	<u> </u>
Fund Code:	<u>FKA2504</u>	Change in Existing Program:	<u> X </u>
Functional Area Code:	<u>SFTY</u>	New Program:	<u> </u>

	New Federal Funds	State Matching Funds	Other Matching Funds	Project Total
Regular Salaries	2,513	19,369		21,882
Extra Help				-
Personal Services Matching	750			750
Operating Expenses	33,844			33,844
Conference & Travel Expenses	6,000			6,000
Professional Fees				-
Capital Outlay				-
Data Processing				-
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	15,000			15,000
Other:				-
Other:				-
Total	\$ 58,107	\$ 19,369	\$ -	\$ 77,476

	Funding Percentages			
	Federal	State	Other	Total
FY26	75%	25%		100%
FY27	75%	25%		100%
FY28				0%
FY29				0%
FY30				0%

Type of Federal Grant

WIOA _____

Non-WIOA **X** _____

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 3/31/2027

State Technology Planning Approval	Date
Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans submitted.	

Positions to be established: (list each position separately) _____ * unclassified positions only

[illegible]

State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

Approved by:		Cayce Raney	12/02/25
Col. Mark A. H. #225			
Agency Secretary/Director	Date	Office of Budget	Date
	14/10/2025	dy 10/21/2025	

Office of Personnel Mgmt _____ Date _____

DFA IGS
State Technology Planning
Agency Request in
compliance with IT Plan
Certification (if applicable)

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: August 31, 2027

UTILIZATION REPORT
FOR
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
A.C.A. §19-7-501 ET SEQ.

Date: 10/10/2025Grant ID: NSGP 24Legislative Review Date:

Agency: DPS - AR Division of Emergency ManagementProgram Title: Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

Granting Organization: Department of Homeland SecurityGrant #: EMW-2024-UA-05002; ALN# 97.008

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning: 7/1/2025Ending: 6/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change: (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
The purpose of the Nonprofit Security Grant (NSGP) is to provide funding to support nonprofit organizations that are high risk of terrorist attacks to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public, private, local, and state government. Appropriation will be used for subgrants for local and state entities for preparedness efforts.

Project-Grant Funding

Business Area Code: 0995Funds Center Code: 220Fund Code: FKA2403Functional Area Code: SFTYContinuation of Existing Program:Change in Existing Program:New Program: X

	New Federal Funds	State Matching Funds	Other Matching Funds	Project Total
Regular Salaries				-
Extra Help				-
Personal Services Matching				-
Operating Expenses				-
Conference & Travel Expenses				-
Professional Fees				-
Capital Outlay				-
Data Processing				-
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	1,538,341			1,538,341
Other:				-
Other:				-
Total	\$ 1,538,341	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,538,341

Funding Percentages

	Federal	State	Other	Total
FY26	100%			100%
FY27	100%			100%
FY28	100%			100%
FY29				0%
FY30				0%

Type of Federal Grant

WIOA
Non-WIOA X

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 8/31/2027

State Technology Planning Approval
Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans submitted.

Date

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

* unclassified positions only

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

Approved by: Col. Matthew A. Raney 12/02/25
Agency Secretary/Director 10/10/25DateOffice of Budget DateOffice of Personnel Mgmt Date

Revised 03/03/2025

FY26 REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE REVIEW
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL PROGRAMS ACT
(A.C.A. 19-7-101 ET. SEQ.)

G.14

DFA IGS
State Technology Planning
Agency Request in
compliance with IT Plan
Certification (if applicable)

NEW PROGRAM

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Purpose of Grant & Funding Percentages</u>	<u>Federal Appropriation Amount Requested</u>	<u>No. of Positions Requested (if any)</u>	<u>DFA - Chief Fiscal Officer Approve</u> <u>Disapprove</u>
14. Department of Agriculture - Maumelle Water Excellence 4	The Department is requesting an appropriation of \$7,000,000. The grant award will be used for acquisition of 1,325 forested acres in the Maumelle Watershed to be held by Central Arkansas Water (CAW). CAW has been determined an eligible recipient of the lands by Forest Legacy Program guidelines and review.	\$7,000,000	0	X

Funding Percentages

	Federal	State	Other	Total
FY26	75	0	25	100
FY27	75	0	25	100
FY28	75	0	25	100
FY29	75	0	25	100
FY30	75	0	25	100

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: May 13, 2030

UTILIZATION REPORT
FOR
MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
A.C.A. §19-7-501 ET SEQ.

Date: 9/23/2025Grant ID: 10.734Legislative Review Date:

Agency: Arkansas Department of AgricultureProgram Title: Maumelle Water Excellence 4

Granting Organization: USDA Forest ServiceGrant #: 25-DG-11083105-002

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning: 7/1/2025Ending: 6/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change: (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
The Department is requesting an appropriation of \$7,000,000. The grant award will be used for acquisition of 1,325 forested acres in the Maumelle Watershed to be held by Central Arkansas Water (CAW). CAW has been determined an eligible recipient of the lands by Forest Legacy Program guidelines and review.

Project-Grant Funding

Business Area Code: 0400Funds Center Code: 37XFund Code: FIT1701Functional Area Code: COMMContinuation of Existing Program:Change in Existing Program:New Program: X

	New Federal Funds	State Matching Funds	Other Matching Funds	Project Total
Regular Salaries				-
Extra Help				-
Personal Services Matching				-
Operating Expenses				-
Conference & Travel Expenses				-
Professional Fees				-
Capital Outlay				-
Data Processing				-
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)				-
Other: 590:00:48	7,000,000		2,333,333	9,333,333
Other:				-
Total	\$ 7,000,000	\$ -	\$ 2,333,333	\$ 9,333,333

Funding Percentages					Type of Federal Grant
	Federal	State	Other	Total	
FY26	75%		25%	100%	WIOA
FY27	75%		25%	100%	
FY28	75%		25%	100%	Non-WIOA X
FY29	75%		25%	100%	
FY30	75%		25%	100%	

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 5/14/2024-5/13/2030

State Technology PlanningDateItems requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)* unclassified positions only

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

Approved by: [Signature] 11/24/2025Cayce Raney 12/02/25

Agency Secretary/DirectorDateOffice of BudgetDateOffice of Personnel MgmtDate



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

tracts within the project area that are in line with the proposal and are approved by the SFSCC/USFS.

Purchases using FLP funds contain disposition clauses in the deed. In the event FLP funded property is sold, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture has discretion over the disposal, and the USFS is reimbursed based on the percentage it contributed at the time of purchase.

Since 2005, Arkansas has received \$32,784,185 in Forest Legacy funds and protected 26,656.64 acres in five (5) project areas. Attached to this report as **Exhibit A** is a list of Forest Legacy purchases since 2005. Currently there are two active Forest Legacy project areas in Arkansas: Hot Springs State Forest (HSSF) and Maumelle Water Excellence.

An explanation of the Maumelle Water Excellence is included as **Exhibit B**. The remainder of the project is pending approval from the US Forest Service.

The current request for legislative appropriation is to fund the acquisition of land located in the Lake Maumelle Watershed as part of the FLP. The appropriation will allow the Department to provide pass-through funding to an escrow account that will ultimately benefit Central Arkansas Water (CAW) for the purchase of 1,325 acres of land located in Pulaski and Perry counties a total cost of \$9,333,333. Funds will go to an escrow account and then on to CAW as the beneficiary. The acquisition tract is labeled as "CREEKS Tract" and highlighted in orange in the map attached to this report as **Exhibit C**. The acquisition tract is currently owned by PotlatchDeltic Timber Company, and annual property taxes based on 2025 tax estimates are: \$1,995 for Pulaski County; and \$48 for Perry County.

The purpose for the CAW purchase is to protect the drinking water for the Little Rock area, maintain productive timberlands, and provide recreational opportunities to people in Perry and Pulaski Counties for the future.

According to CAW's Chief Operating Officer, CAW is a municipal water utility created through interlocal agreement and governed by municipal codes and state law specific to Little Rock and North Little Rock. CAW operates under the authority granted by the Consolidated Waterworks Authorization Act, Arkansas Code § 25-20-301, et seq., and Little Rock City Code § 35-26. CAW's Board of Commissioners consists of seven members, appointed and confirmed by the governing bodies of both cities, and has full authority to manage, operate, and maintain the water system. As a governmental entity, CAW is permitted to participate in the FLP and hold title to land purchased through FLP. The program implementation guidelines require CAW to manage its land in a manner consistent with the purposes of FLP and in accordance with the terms specified in the conservation easement and Multi-Resource Management Plan.

For purposes of the acquisition, the Department's contact at CAW is Bryan Rugar, bryan.rugar@carkw.com.



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

the designated Forest Legacy Areas, in which privately owned property must be located to be eligible for a FLP grant.

SFSCC members must meet the criteria in the USFS's Forest Stewardship Program guidelines. The Arkansas SFSCC members include private forest landowners, state natural resource agencies, federal natural resource agencies, forest industry, non-government natural resource organizations, tribal government (if applicable), land trusts, and other natural resource stakeholders. Individuals currently serving on Arkansas's SFSCC are:

- Kyle Cunningham, Chair, State Forester, Arkansas Department of Agriculture;
- Tate Wentz, Arkansas Department of Agriculture;
- Jennifer Ballard, Director, Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission;
- Michael Furr, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission;
- Doug Akin, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- Jeff Aish, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;
- John McAlpine, Kingwood Forestry Services;
- Debbie Moreland, Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts;
- Anna Metrailler, The Nature Conservancy;
- Doug Teale, Domtar;
- Scott Meek, Green Bay Packaging; and
- Bryan Rugar, Central Arkansas Water; **recused from 2025 vote*

FLP project type and funding sources vary. Arkansas's FLP project submission for Fiscal Year 2025 is categorized as a large landscape project, which is funded through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). USFS's timeline for the selection process for IRA-funded projects is as follows:

- March 14, 2025: Project proposals due to the Department. Department received one proposal from Central Arkansas Water;
- May 27, 2025: The Department submitted project proposals to USFS Region 8;
- June 6, 2025: USFS Region 8 sent a project list, state matrix, and project brief to the USFS office in Washington, DC (WO);
- June 11-12, 2025: National FLP Review Panel Meeting convened to review project proposals and develop a National Project List.
- August 1, 2025: USFS leadership made grant award recommendations based on the National Project List to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Each Region issued project-specific grants to State lead agencies for funding in accordance with the final project list.

The grant period of each FLP IRA award is five years. Forest Legacy grants can only be used to purchase tracts approved in this ranking process. Once the approved tracts are purchased, any remaining funds from the grant can be used to purchase additional



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Funding to CAW from the Department:

Since the Forest Legacy Program started in Arkansas, CAW has received the following:

Year	Amount	Acres	County
2012	\$9,000,000.00	741	Pulaski
2023	\$600,000.00	56	Pulaski
2023	\$815,000.00	163	Pulaski
2024	\$412,032.00	53	Pulaski
2024	\$9,344,888.00	1965	Perry
	\$20,171,920.00	2,978	

Additionally, Central Arkansas Water has received funding from the Arkansas Natural Resources Division through grants and loans for water/wastewater projects. Projects date back to 2020 and are attached as **Exhibit D** and summarized below:

Grant amount to CAW:	\$10,317,361.00
Loan amount to CAW:	\$286,197,362.98
Total Grants and Loans:	\$296,514,723.98

Central Arkansas Water was also awarded a grant through the Forestry Division for participation in the Southern Pine Beetle Prevention Program for fiscal years 2022 and 2025. This program is a cost-share program that is designed to help landowners thin overstocked pine stands to mitigate the risk of southern pine beetle outbreaks. CAW was awarded a total of \$19,912.54.

Forest Legacy 2005 to Date

Arkansas Department of Agriculture Land Acquisitions

Exhibit A

Tract Name	Value	Funding Source	Current Owner	Acquired	Acres	Running Total Acres	Running Total \$	County
Moro Big Pine Initiative #2	\$6,935,234.00	2007 Forest Legacy, Game & Fish, ANCR	AR Game & Fish, PotlatchDeltic Inc., AR Natural Heritage	1/30/2009	15,923.00	15,923.00	\$6,935,234.00	Calhoun
Hazle Creek	\$196,672.86	2009 Forest Legacy	Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission	3/10/2009	145.00	16,068.00	\$7,131,906.86	Drew
Canterbury	\$2,060,000.00	2009 Forest Legacy & ANCR	Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission	4/30/2010	2,107.00	18,175.00	\$9,191,906.86	Drew
Hazle Creek	\$9,000,000.00	2012 Forest Legacy & Central Arkansas Water	Central Arkansas Water	12/26/2012	741.00	18,916.00	\$18,191,906.86	Pulaski
Cox, Simpson, Garing Place, Church of Nazarene	\$1,350,000.00	2017 Forest Legacy and ANCR	Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission	1/27/2017	193.00	19,853.00	\$19,541,906.86	Drew
PotlatchDeltic	\$822,588.65	2018 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	5/16/2018	360.83	20,213.83	\$20,364,495.51	Garland
Right-of-Way Transfer to ARDOT	\$975,943.62	2019 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	1/6/2020	287.82	20,501.65	\$21,340,439.19	Garland
Gulpha Saddle, Indian Mountain SW & NE	\$144,575.00	ARDOT	ARDOT	3/13/2020	23.60	20,478.05	\$21,195,864.13	Garland
BW Vacations, Richter, Suburban	\$1,463,545.68	2019 Forest Legacy	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	5/21/2020	406.66	20,884.71	\$22,659,409.81	Garland
Cost Share portion of The Nature's Edge	\$588,320.68	2020 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	5/21/2020	123.07	21,007.78	\$23,247,730.49	Garland
Towering Peaks (2022 CS)	\$539,919.02	2020 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	6/19/2020	107.88	21,115.66	\$23,787,649.51	Garland
Tennille Creek	\$477,308.90	2021 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	11/6/2020	108.47	21,224.13	\$24,264,958.41	Garland
Forest Legacy portion of The Nature's Edge	\$1,239,714.65	2020 Forest Legacy and ANCR	Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission	11/30/2020	636.30	21,860.43	\$25,504,673.06	Drew
Roman (2023 CS)	\$1,817,312.76	2020 Forest Legacy and 2021 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	12/18/2020	386.99	22,247.42	\$27,321,985.82	Garland
Proctor (2023 CS)	\$207,001.85	2021 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	2/24/2021	46.96	22,294.38	\$27,528,987.67	Garland
Graves West (2023 CS)	\$199,333.58	2021 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	3/31/2021	44.17	22,338.55	\$27,728,321.25	Garland
Merritt (2023 CS)	\$117,179.56	2021 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	9/10/2021	19.52	22,358.07	\$27,845,500.81	Garland
Walker (2023 CS)	\$79,000.00	2021 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	9/10/2021	13.10	22,371.17	\$27,924,500.81	Garland
Tittle (2023 CS)	\$40,000.00	2021 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	9/10/2021	9.81	22,380.98	\$27,964,500.81	Garland
North Woods (2023 CS)	\$16,000.00	2021 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	9/10/2021	5.00	22,385.98	\$27,980,500.81	Garland
Parker (2023 CS)	\$36,000.00	2021 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	9/10/2021	5.15	22,391.13	\$28,016,500.81	Garland
East BW (2023 CS)	\$26,000.00	2021 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	9/10/2021	7.43	22,398.56	\$28,042,500.81	Garland
Tennille Creek Addition	\$16,000.00	2021 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	9/10/2021	2.41	22,400.97	\$28,058,500.81	Garland
Lopez East	\$196,672.86	2016/2020 Forest Legacy and 2020 ANCR	Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission	9/29/2021	85.00	22,485.97	\$28,255,173.67	Drew
Wooten (2023 CS)	\$292,353.34	2022 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	11/8/2021	48.63	22,534.60	\$28,547,527.01	Garland
Lopez West	\$416,288.50	2021 FLP	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	12/22/2021	80.00	22,614.60	\$28,963,815.51	Garland
Lopez West Mine	\$320,444.13	2022 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	12/22/2021	80.00	22,694.60	\$29,284,259.64	Garland
Chaffin (2024 CS)	\$360,413.00	2021 FLP	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	6/24/2022	75.00	22,769.60	\$29,644,672.64	Garland
Wyatt (2024 CS)	\$24,444.52	2022 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	6/24/2022	5.00	22,774.60	\$29,669,117.16	Garland
Deltic NE and Deltic NW	\$71,442.71	2022 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	6/24/2022	10.90	22,785.50	\$29,740,559.87	Garland
Partis	\$94,440.83	2022 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	7/15/2022	10.87	22,796.37	\$29,835,000.70	Garland
Lynchard	\$2,570,000.00	2022 FLP	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	9/27/2022	735.04	23,531.41	\$32,405,000.70	Garland
Falls 2 CS	\$175,055.00	2022 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	12/15/2022	18.26	23,549.67	\$32,580,055.70	Garland
Falls 4 CS	\$370,403.38	2022 and 2023 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	5/26/2023	37.51	23,587.18	\$32,950,459.08	Pulaski
Blees	\$600,000.00	2024 Forest Legacy & Central Arkansas Water	Central Arkansas Water	7/5/2023	56.00	23,643.18	\$33,550,459.08	Pulaski
Blankenship Suburban	\$815,000.00	2024 Forest Legacy & Central Arkansas Water	Central Arkansas Water	7/5/2023	163.00	23,806.18	\$34,365,459.08	Pulaski
Yother	\$263,000.00	2023 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	7/21/2023	22.85	23,829.03	\$34,628,459.08	Garland
Falls 1 CS	\$84,448.00	2023 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	1/26/2024	9.90	23,838.93	\$34,712,907.08	Garland
Falls 3	\$287,789.51	2023 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	2/2/2024	29.21	23,868.14	\$35,000,696.59	Garland
White River Headwaters Preserve	\$38,396.64	2023 ANCR	AR Department of Agriculture - Hot Springs State Forest	4/19/2024	4.50	23,872.64	\$35,039,093.23	Pulaski
	\$412,032.00	2024 Forest Legacy & Central Arkansas Water	Central Arkansas Water	6/27/2024	53.00	23,925.64	\$35,451,125.23	Pulaski
	\$9,344,888.00	2024 Forest Legacy & Central Arkansas Water	Central Arkansas Water	6/27/2024	1,965.00	25,890.64	\$44,796,013.23	Perry
	\$1,706,247.00	2023 Forest Legacy, NWALT, TCF	Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission	12/5/2024	766.00	26,656.64	\$46,502,260.23	Madison
Central Arkansas Water Purchases to Date							\$20,171,920.00	

Tract Name	Value	Funding Source	Current Owner	Pending Purchase	Purchase Date	Acres	Running Total Acres	Running Total \$	County
Mauellie Water Excellence 4	\$9,333,333.00	2025 Forest Legacy & Central Arkansas Water	PotlatchDeltic		CY 2026	1,325.00	27,981.64	\$55,895,593.23	Perry, Pulaski

Forest Legacy IRA Project

Maumelle Water Excellence 4

Pulaski, Perry, and Saline counties Arkansas



FUNDING HISTORY

FY 2025 Forest Legacy Program Funding	\$14,000,000
FY 2025 Non-Federal Cost Share	\$5,500,000
FY 2025 Project Costs	\$19,500,000
FY 2025 Project Acres	3,471
Forest Legacy Funding To Date	\$0
Total Project Costs	\$19,500,000
Total Project Acres	3,471



★ Project Location
Forest Legacy Areas

Tract Name	Size (ac)	Tract Cost	FLP Funding	Non-Fed Cost Share	Status
STREAMS	3,471	\$19,500,000	\$14,000,000	\$5,500,000	Proposed 2025

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Lake Maumelle in Central Arkansas is a blue gem boasting some of the nation's best drinking water. The lake's forested headwaters originate in the Ouachita National Forest (ONF) and serve as the water source to 500,000 people in and around Little Rock. These rich forests of short-leaf pine, oak, and hickory are a critical feature to Central Arkansas Water's (CAW) watershed protection plan. Due to significant development pressure, areas abutting the ONF are being sold and subdivided, threatening the scenic landscape and drinking water quality/quantity. STREAMS tract builds on previous awards creating a contiguous forested conservation corridor from Central Arkansas to Oklahoma. CAW is pioneering new models to deliver protection at scale, like leveraging bonds against federal grants to protect forests for water quality, allocating match support for FLP projects and being the first to certify all utility forests under the SFI® management standard. STREAMS tract protects 12 miles of forested buffer along major tributaries of the Maumelle River, and results in the protection of 48% of the watershed (3.9% increase toward goal of 70%); ensuring that future generations of Arkansans have safe, affordable, and reliable drinking water.



Hiker on the Ouachita National Recreational Trail. (Photo by Mike Unger Treelinerreview.com)

PROJECT FEATURES

Important

- CAW ECONOMIC BENEFITS FROM TIMBER AND POTENTIAL FOREST PRODUCTIVITY - CAW is the world's first and only water utility certified by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and is committed to managing these lands to those standards and maintaining certification (15,518 ac certified).
- STREAMS tract is composed of productive loblolly pine (median site index of 75) and mixed hardwood stands. This forest supplies pulpwood and sawlogs to 11 large mills within 50 miles of the project, including the new Mercer Mass Timber mill in Conway, Arkansas which maintains 130 new jobs.

- In addition to protection from development, CAW's management will optimize water quality, timber production, and forest health. CAW will restore 3,000 acres of non-native pine plantations to native, upland shortleaf pine/mixed hardwood forests, reducing wildfire risk.
- **ECONOMIC BENEFITS NON-TIMBER PRODUCTS/RECREATION** – Project protects wild and scenic habitat critical to established local economy. The nearby CAW trail at Bufflehead Bay along Highway 10 sees an average of 600 visitors a month and is a popular birding spot listed on eBird and ARBird.
- **STREAMS** increases access to outdoor recreation, another key economic driver for the region. A Tourism Industry 2022 report showed Arkansas' recreation economy supports 97,800 jobs and adds \$15.7 B to GDP (11.5% of total GDP). The 3-county Project area had \$2 B of tourism expenditures in 2022.
- **STREAMS** will secure 3,471 acres for hiking, hunting, and fishing. In 2023, Pinnacle Mountain State Park (contiguous conservation ownership) estimated nearly 700,000 visitors recreated at the park, hundreds of hunters on the WMA, and ~2,000 boats launch from the lake's marina each year.
- **STREAMS** will protect fishing tributaries; local anglers spend \$63K annually on supplies, lodging, and meals. Collegiate and high school fishing tournaments and the white bass run account for 3,150 angler days per year. Leading the nation per capita, an Arkansas resident fishes 28 days per year.
- Since 2020, CAW's dependable source water has helped attract 9 new manufacturing or distribution facilities and supported 24 different economic development expansion, creating 10,638 jobs in the CAW service area.
- Companies rely on CAW's high-quality, abundant water for critical operations like cooling, cleaning, and food production, helping reduce costs and meet production standards. This has made CAW a partner in regional economic development, contributing over \$3.1 billion in economic impact since 2015.
- **THREATENED/ENDANGERED SPECIES HABITAT** - No formal surveys conducted, but tracts contain suitable habitat for listed -endangered Indiana & northern long-eared bats, and proposed Tricolored Bat. Monarch butterfly and Alligator Snapping Turtle (proposed threatened) are present on adjacent tracts.
- The Arkansas Wildlife Action Plan notes that this Project area provides habitat for 11 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN), including several aquatic species and these top priority birds: wood thrush, purple finch, American kestrel, northern bobwhite quail, and yellow billed cuckoo.
- The targeted tracts are known to support two species of state and/or global conservation concern, Willdenow's sedge and Leafy Barbara's-buttons. The tracts contain suitable habitat for additional species known from adjacent lands, but formal botanical surveys have not been conducted.
- 40% of all North American waterfowl and shorebirds use the Mississippi Flyway, and Lake Maumelle watershed serves as an integral stopover for these migratory species, which include all four species of North American loons.
- The watershed is located in the Ouachita Mountain Ecoregion, which is ranked the 3rd highest ecoregion in Arkansas in need for conservation, according to The Nature Conservancy, for its high number of SGCN. The threat of forest conversion makes this a vulnerable area for species loss.
- **WATER SUPPLY, AQUATIC HABITAT, WATERSHED PROTECTION** – Lake Maumelle supplies drinking water to 500,000 people in 18 cities/communities including Little Rock. CAW's watershed protection efforts impact over 16.5 billion gallons per year.
- **CANTERBURY** (FLP FY12) increased overall protection of the watershed by 0.85% (741 acres), adding 4 miles of riparian buffer. Since the 2012 award, CAW has protected an additional 7.1% (6,245 acres) including the **FALLS** (FLP FY24). **STREAMS** will add an additional 3.9% (3,471 acres), of conserved lands.



New construction adjacent to STREAMS tract and plantation silviculture. (Photo by Bryan Rupar)

- Protecting Maumelle River tributaries is a critical strategy to meeting the regulatory provisions under the Safe Drinking Water and Clean Water Acts. STREAMS will increase this protection by an additional 11.8 miles of tributaries including Bringle Creek, Red Bluff Branch, and Patterson Branch.
- STREAMS increases critical buffer width by a over a half mile buffer on the Maumelle River, and other influential tributaries like Bringle Creek and Yount Creek. It also protects several tracked species of freshwater mussels and aquatic plants found in the unique river-scour habitats.
- PUBLIC ACCESS - STREAMS will add 3,471 acres to the Maumelle River Wildlife Management Area (12,133 acres of land) improving access to and expanding recreational opportunities on existing Arkansas public lands. It connects existing landlocked public land to major roadways via the National Forest.
- SCENIC - STREAMS acquires 0.5 miles of the 223-mile multi-state Ouachita National Recreational Trail (ONRT) which hosts over 20,000 hikers annually. After this purchase, only 2 miles of the entire trail remain in private ownership.

Threatened

- LACK OF PROTECTION – 13% of the STREAMS tract does not have any zoning or open space requirements for stormwater mitigation/limits. The remaining 87% have the least restrictive private land zoning designation (low impact), the ordinance allows subdivisions and onsite wastewater systems.
- These unprotected forests prevent large amounts of sediment and nutrients from entering the lake. Studies show that for every 10% increase in forest cover in a watershed, there is a 20% decrease in downstream water treatment costs due to forests serving as filters and sponges.
- LAND AND LANDOWNER CIRCUMSTANCES – Owned by PotlatchDeltic (PCH), one of the top 10 lumber producers in the US, their real estate development program identified over 120,000 acres of rural timberland that "is no longer strategic to their timber operations" including portions of the STREAMS tract.
- PCH sold 107 parcels in Pulaski Co. in 2020 alone in addition to 2 parcels (60 acres) in Perry Co. in 2021, which were targeted in CAW's FY22 FLP request and are now conservation inholdings. The volume of transactions reflects the high demand to convert working forests to residential developments.
- A PCH 2020 Report stated they are promoting two of their real estate development projects- Chenal Valley (just east of watershed in Pulaski County) and Red Oak Ridge in Hot Springs (SW of watershed)- as part of their land stratification strategy to increase value for their shareholders.
- ADJACENT LAND USE - Lakeview West (see picture). Real estate developers own over 2,700 acres in the watershed (additional 2,800 acres adjacent), including land adjacent to STREAMS tract. In the past five years they have begun seven new development phases within the Lake Maumelle Watershed.
- The Little Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area population grew 6.8% from 2010 to 2020, exceeding the state average of 3.3%. This growth is affecting CAW: local rural real estate markets have boomed due to employees leaving the urban environment in favor of remote working conditions.
- Significant development pressures within the watershed over the past 20 years contributes to nutrient and pollutant loading (increased runoff). Forecasts from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development anticipate above average housing growth westward from Pulaski County into Perry County.
- ABILITY TO DEVELOP - An appraisal of STREAMS tract confirmed several tracts are highly vulnerable to development with their "highest and best use" values significantly above timber values. STREAMS has well developed road systems and access to electricity, high-speed internet, and potable water.

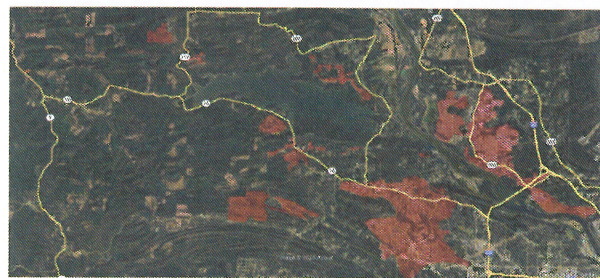


Lakeview West, a new development on Lake Maumelle adjacent to targeted tract. (Photo by Bryan Rugar)

- The watershed, including STREAMS tracts, contains construction ready plateaus and secluded ravines, making lots highly desirable with pristine, residential lake views. A 30-minute commute to Little Rock fuels demand for this desirable location to full time, retirement, and recreational residents.

Strategic

- **CONSERVATION STRATEGY - FEDERAL -** Acquisition of the STREAMS tract complements Ouachita National Forest's (ONF) FY24 CDF award and previous LWCF proposal (FY23) to acquire an additional 7,516 acres to protect 11.3 miles of the Maumelle River headwaters and tributaries in the watershed and remove a large private inholding from the National Forest, creating contiguous forest protection.
- This FLP project supports goals of the USDA Forest Service and the ONF Revised Forest Plan to manage the 223-mile multi-state Ouachita National Recreational Trail (ONRT). The STREAMS tract includes 0.5 miles of the final 2.5 miles still in private ownership. An ONRT spur trail connects to Lake Sylvia, a state managed campground on the ONF, building on federal and state recreation investments.
- CAW participates in the Shortleaf Pine Initiative (2013) with key federal, state, and private partners with the goal of restoring shortleaf pine forests. Targeted tracts will add an additional 3,000 acres for shortleaf restoration, a scale which complements ONF's existing 250,000 acres of Pine-Bluestem Forest in their 2005 Forest Management Plan and increases forest resiliency to disturbances.
- The project builds on FLP investment of \$10M that protected 2,762 acres, STREAMS will extend protection westward up the Maumelle River corridor to adjoin the ONF and bring the total acres conserved in partnership with Forest Legacy to 6,233 acres. This compliments a nearby US Army Corp of Engineers \$2.8M Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project along the Maumelle River.
- **CONSERVATION STRATEGY - REGIONAL -** CAW lands are proactively managed in accordance to TNC's multi-state Ouachita Ecosystem Plan, which includes prescribed fire for promoting native fire-dependent systems and mitigating against catastrophic wildfires. The STREAMS tract is currently being managed with an absent fire regime and non-native species, two threats identified in the plan.
- **CONSERVATION STRATEGY, INITIATIVE OR PLAN - STATE:** The top priority in the Statewide Forest Action Plan (FAP) for the Little Rock-Hot Springs Forest Legacy Area is to protect forested riparian zones and watersheds from forest conversions. Lake Maumelle watershed is recognized as a priority watershed in the FAP and a Forest Of Recognized Importance in the Arkansas Tree Farm Program.
- These tracts are in the 32,000-acre Maumelle Pinnacles Conservation Area, a partnership of state agencies, CAW, and NGO's to cohesively manage natural resources with recreational interests. The Recreational Vision Master Plan (publishing in 2025) provides a unified vision and direction for balancing conservation of the natural realm with the recreation needs of Central Arkansas residents.
- **CONSERVATION STRATEGY-** As a cost-effective alternative to regulatory controls, CAW's 2007 Lake Maumelle Watershed Management Plan combines land acquisition/management techniques to protect Lake Maumelle and decrease municipal water treatment costs. STREAMS will build upon this success by increasing the protected watershed to 48%, building on \$46.9 Million of non-federal investments since 2007.



Development pressure as urban sprawl (red) expands into Lake Maumelle Watershed (Photo by Google Earth and Ben Thesing)

- CAW issued the first in the world certified green bond in 2020 to acquire and protect forests specifically to support clean drinking water, garnering international attention from media outlets. This bond provided \$10.3 million for land acquisition (match for FY 23 FALLS), creating an innovative model for source water protection at scale. A similar model may provide match for the STREAMS tract.
- COMPLEMENTS PROTECTED LANDS – STREAMS closes the gap in a 140-mile continuous conservation corridor of public lands from central Arkansas to Oklahoma, providing physical connectivity among TNC Preserves, Lake Sylvia and Pinnacle Mountain State Park, Rattlesnake Ridge/Blue Mountain Natural Areas, Maumelle River Wildlife Management Area, and the Ouachita National Forest.

Special Emphasis Criteria

- High Impact-Companies rely on CAW's high-quality, abundant water for critical operations like cooling, cleaning, and food production, helping reduce costs and meet production standards. This has made CAW a partner in regional economic development, contributing over \$3.1 billion in economic impact since 2015.
- High Impact- STREAMS provides a generational opportunity to conserve property needed to maintain safe, abundant drinking water resources for future Arkansans. This also creates public recreation lands near large urban popular centers, in an area known as the Maumelle Pinnacles Conservation Area, where public landowners are releasing a master plan in 2025 for a unified conservation vision.
- National Goals-STREAMS tract contributes to Habitat Connectivity, by physically connecting ownership of the ONF, to CAW's core land holdings around Lake Maumelle. This also physically connects to other state-owned lands by The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, Arkansas State Parks, and to land owned by The Nature Conservancy.
- Higher Leverage-As with past projects, CAW is willing to commit more than the required 25% match. For the FALLS tract (FLP FY24), CAW contributed 35% cost share on the federally funded tract and funded an additional cost share tract at \$1.65 million, for a total project non-federal cost share of 45%. This is indicative of the high level of support CAW is willing to provide to these projects.
- Efficiency of Scale-Purchasing STREAMS as a large timberland transaction allows for a reduced price per acre and allows for better negotiating with PotlatchDeltic over buying it one parcel at a time. CAW has purchased parcels adjacent to those sold to private individuals at fraction of the cost.
- High readiness and capacity-CAW has demonstrated its ability to successfully implement previous grant awards with this landowner. CAW has the bond service capacity to provide any matching funds as well as any additional funds that may be required for unexpected contingencies. CAW has staffing capacity (currently 7 dedicated Full-time positions in Watershed Management) to complete this transaction.
- Stewardship capacity- CAW has continued to increase its capacity for managing property since the adoption of the Watershed Protection Fee in 2008. Every CAW metered customer is charged a small fee (residential meters are \$0.90/month) to fund stewardship of CAW land in our watersheds. CAW staff, partners, and contractors burned 3,312 acres in the last Rx fire season on watershed properties.

Readiness

Easement or Fee Conditions	1
Non-Federal Cost Share Commitment	1
Signed Purchase Agreement	0
Title Search	1
Mineral Determination	1
Readiness Total Tally Score	4

Supporting Parties

Arkansas Office of Outdoor Recreation; United States DOI Fish and Wildlife Service-AR Field Office; Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission; World Resources Institute; U.S. Endowment for Forestry and

Communities; American Water Works Association; Arkansas Game and Fish Commission; U.S. Senator John Boozman; U.S. Senator Tom Cotton; U.S. Representative French Hill; Ouachita National Forest; Audubon Delta; Arkansas Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers; Arkansas Forests and Drinking Water Collaborative; Arkansas Natural Resource Division-Arkansas Department of Agriculture; and Arkansas Forestry Association.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Scott Stewart

*National Forest Legacy
Program Coordinator*
USDA Forest Service
1400 Independence Avenue,
3SC
Washington, DC 20250
202-205-1618
scott.stewart@usda.gov

Andrew Fotinos

Forest Legacy Program Leader
USDA Forest Service
1720 Peachtree Road, NW
Suite 700
Atlanta, GA 30309
540-240-6532
andrew.fotinos@usda.gov

Jim Jolley

Forest Legacy/GIS Coordinator
Arkansas Department of
Agriculture, Forestry Division
1 Natural Resources Drive
Little Rock, AR 72205
501-580-8956
jjim.jolley@agriculture.arkansas.gov

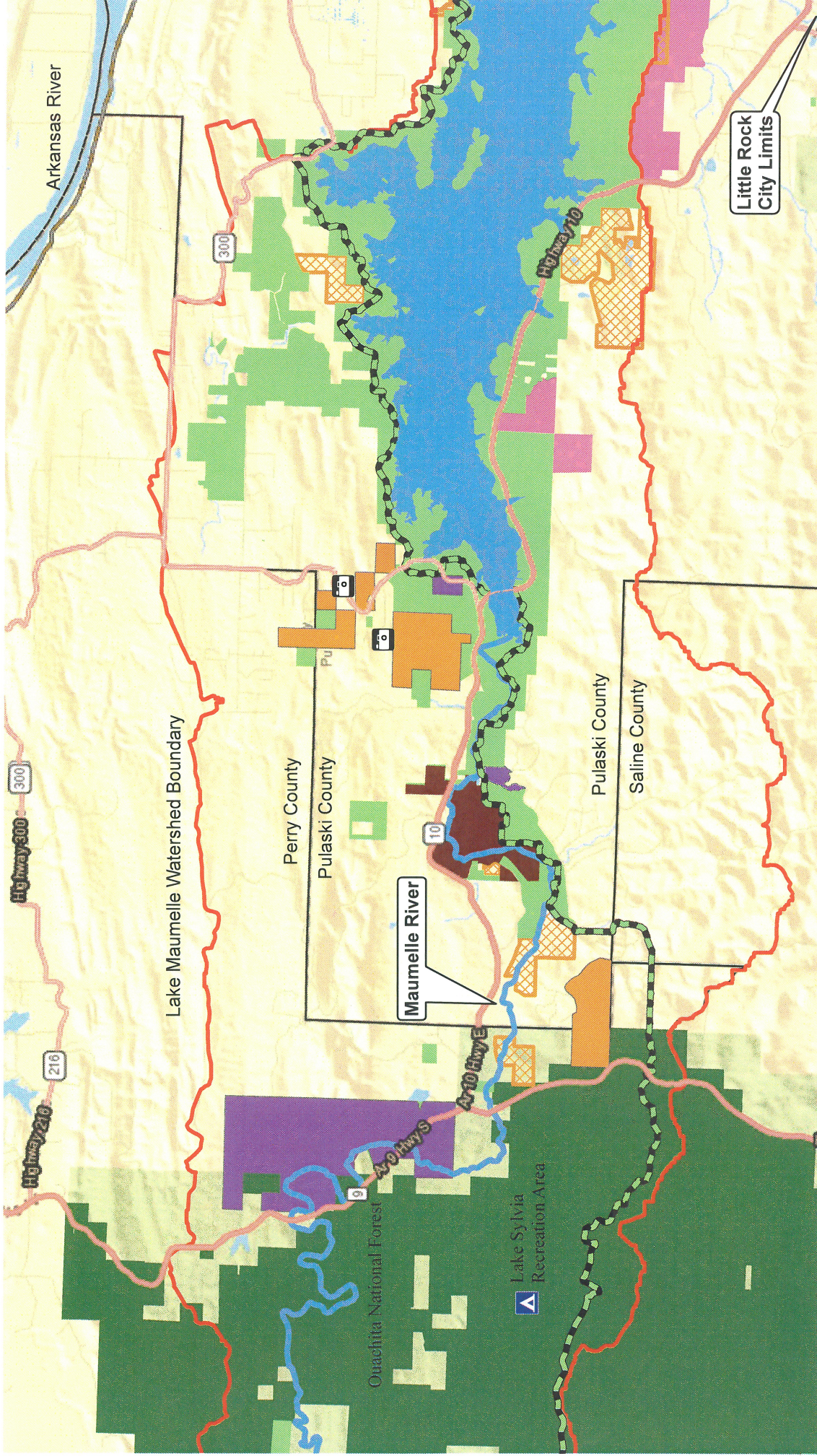




Maumelle Water Exc()ence Forest Legacy Creeks Tract - ~1,325 Acres

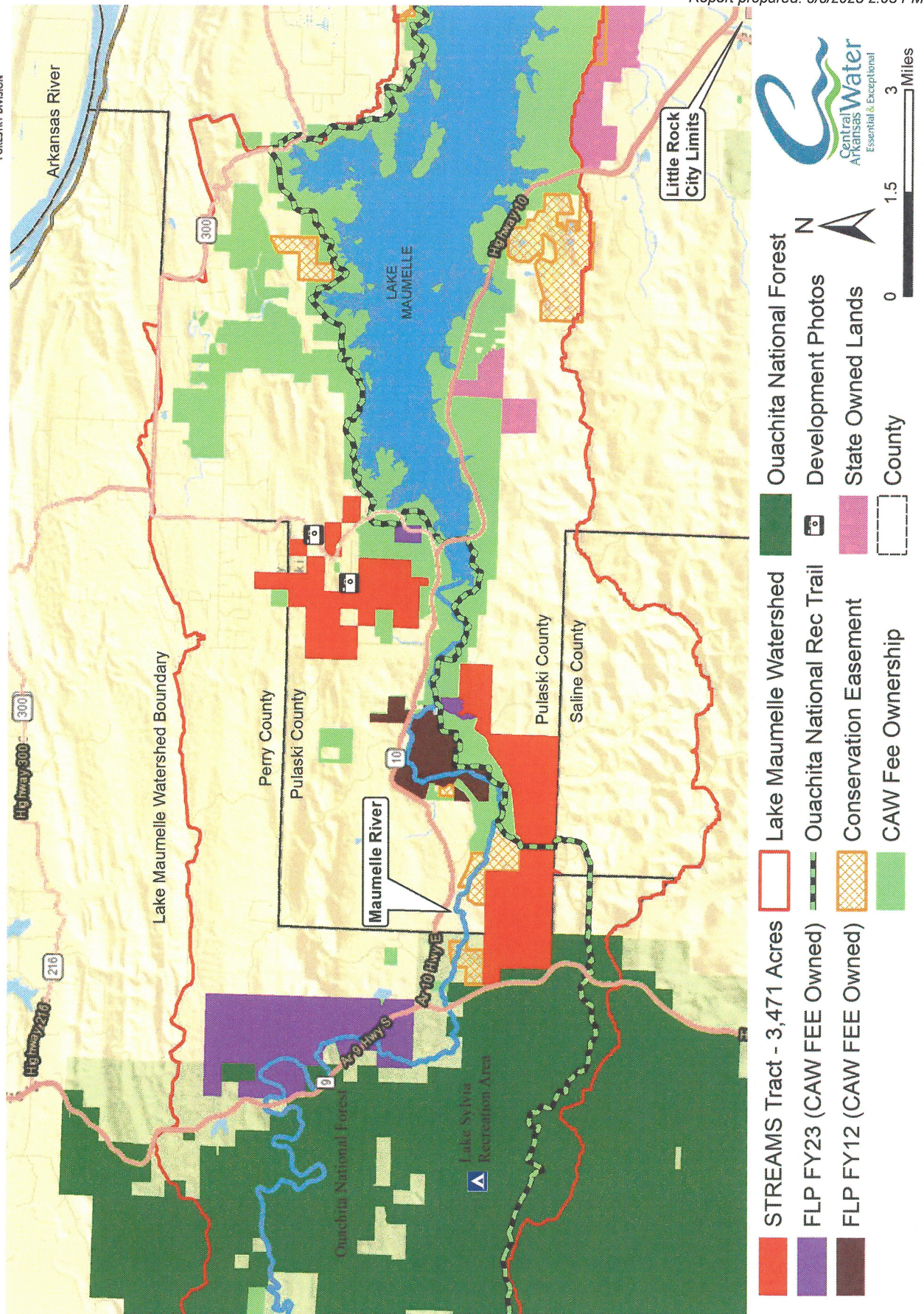


FORESTRY DIVISION



- CREEKS Tract - 1,325 acres
- FLP FY23 (CAW FEE Owned)
- FLP FY12 (CAW FEE Owned)
- Lake Maumelle Watershed
- Ouachita National Rec Trail
- Conservation Easement
- CAW Fee Ownership
- Ouachita National Forest
- Development Photos
- State Owned Lands
- County





GRANT

<u>Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Project</u>
01340-WDF-G	05/26/2021	Water Development Fund	\$ 17,361.00	Central Ark Water Frazier Pike Public Facilities
01372-WSSW-G	12/15/2021	Water Sewer Solid Waste	\$ 300,000.00	CAW-Perla - Initial Water & WW System study/repair
02058-ARPA-G	12/02/2022	ARPA Funding	\$ 5,000,000.00	CAW #11 West Pulaski
02203-ARPA-G	12/02/2022	ARPA Funding	\$ 5,000,000.00	Wrightsville Wastewater Consolidation with CAW
Total Grants:			\$ 10,317,361.00	

LOAN

<u>Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Project</u>
01263-DWSRF-L	01/16/2020	Drinking Water	\$ 4,748,409.98	CAW#6- Paron Owensville (POWA)
01341-DWSRF-L	05/26/2021	Drinking Water	\$ 16,300,000.00	CAW #11 West Pulaski
01342-DWSRF-F	05/26/2021	Drinking Water	\$ 2,200,000.00	CAW #11 West Pulaski
01343-DWSRF-F	05/26/2021	Drinking Water	\$ 1,200,000.00	CAW #10 - West Pulaski Service Line LMI
01358-DWSRF-L	07/21/2021	Drinking Water	\$ 1,383,953.00	Central Arkansas Water - Wye Mountain
01357-DWSRF-L	07/21/2021	Drinking Water	\$ 1,757,000.00	CAW - Ridgefield
01378-DWSRF-L	03/16/2022	Drinking Water	\$ 78,750.00	Perla Meters
01380-DWSRF-L	06/01/2022	Drinking Water	\$ 4,000,000.00	CAW 9 - Jack Wilson Phase II
02408-DW-L	06/22/2023	Drinking Water	\$ 350,000.00	CAW - Perla Distribution System Rehab 2023
02409-DW-F	06/22/2023	Drinking Water	\$ 1,050,000.00	CAW - Perla Distribution System Rehab 2023
02331-CW-L	06/22/2023	Clean Water	\$ 10,893,000.00	Wrightsville Wastewater Consolidation with CAW
02238-DW-L	06/22/2023	Drinking Water	\$ 11,000,000.00	CAW #10-Plan and Design for Jack Wilson Resiliency
02239-DW-F	06/22/2023	Drinking Water	\$ 236,250.00	Perla Meters
02393-DW-L	09/22/2023	Drinking Water	\$ 230,000,000.00	CAW-Wilson WTP Renewal and Resiliency-2023
02467-DW-L	01/17/2024	Drinking Water	\$ 1,000,000.00	CAW-LCRR Compliance-2024
Total Loans:			\$ 286,197,362.98	

Grand Total Grants & Loans: \$ 296,514,723.98